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Noon Observations: Barometric pressure, 1003.4 mbs., 29.03 in. Temperature, 87.8 deg. F. Dew point, 77 deg. F. Relative humidity, 71%.
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PEERS GO HOME TO DO THE DISHES

London, July 25.—Some British Peers go home early from Parliamentary debates to help their wives with the dishes, the House of Lords was told today.
Seventy-eight-year-old Lord Pethick Lawrence, former Labour Secretary of State for India, said: "I have heard it said in jest that Your Lordships go home earlier than they would otherwise because Peers have to help their wives with their washing up."
"From inquiries I have made among my fellow Peers, there is a good deal of truth in that."
"While we do not neglect our duties, we, in common with large proportions of men throughout the country find that we cannot expect our women folk to enter for all our needs and that they require some help from us. That is true, I believe, of all classes of the community."
He was speaking about married women at work, in a debate on Britain's economic position.—Reuter.

French Minister's Action Provokes Political Crisis

Paris, July 25.—An extraordinary meeting of the French Cabinet for tomorrow morning was called at short notice today by the Prime Minister, M. Queuille. The Cabinet will consider the critical political situation which the Socialist Minister of Labour, M. Daniel Mayer, has precipitated by approving substantial pay increases for employees of the National Social Security Administration without consulting his Cabinet colleagues.

Elephant Migration

Johannesburg, July 25.—Over 5,000 elephants have migrated in a mass in the coastal area of Kenya, after being driven from their usual haunts by a drought, which is described in some areas as the worst in 100 years.
Great tracts of Southern Africa, from Capetown to Kenya, are affected. Famine among the natives in some East and Central territories is being averted only by Government action in rushing in foodstuffs.
Shipping has ceased on some stretches of the mighty Congo River, whose waters have shrunk far below their usual level, setting a transport problem for the Belgian Congo Administration.
Contrastingly, in the southern areas of Southern Africa—normally a dry semi-desert—the best rains have fallen since 1934. The desert is bright with flowers.—Reuter.

Hot Spell In Holland

The Hague, July 25.—Thermometers soared to over 80 degrees Fahrenheit all over Holland today, in the hottest spell of the summer. Higher temperatures are forecast for tomorrow.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Troubles In Red China

ONCE again the Chinese Communists in Nanking have admitted armed opposition from the peasantry in areas under their control. The first indication of trouble in the country districts came in the form of a message issued by the official New China News Agency and broadcast by the Communist Radio at the end of June, stating that peasant uprisings had occurred in Honan Province and in certain areas south of the Yangtze River. It did not specify these latter areas, but Shanghai sources disclosed that the Communist authorities in Kiangsu Province, in which Shanghai is located, and in Anhwei Province had been having difficulties with a part of the rural population. The Communists placed the blame for these uprisings on the Nationalists who, it was said, had sent special agents into these areas to organise intrigues and "bandit" activities. Now, nearly a month later, the Communists admit similar outbreaks in Manchuria. The latest reports seem to suggest that the trouble in the North-eastern Provinces has been more serious than that experienced in Central China, for mention is made of guerrilla warfare, blowing up of bridges and railway lines and sabotaging of industrial undertakings. Once again these activities are attributed to "bandits" and Nationalist agents. The statement, almost in the same breath, that these uprisings are not political and also that they are

Nationalist-inspired is somewhat hard to reconcile. Such action obviously entails great immediate danger or hazards punitive reprisals, and the peasantry are hardly likely to run these risks unless either they are genuinely in opposition to the Reds or have been recruited to work for the Nationalists for pay. The suggestion is made in some quarters that the rebels are peasants strongly resisting heavy taxes imposed by the Communists. However one reads the reports, the impression remains that there is agrarian discontent in Communist-held areas, and that this discontent is not limited to one or two small areas but exists on a wider scale. Whatever the basic cause, the problem becomes a political one for the Communists. Details are lacking to permit of any true appreciation of the situation. Disident elements are to be found in every country, no matter what regime is in power. Sufficient to note at this stage that such opposition has been reported, and is not only denied but admitted by the Communist authorities. Read together with reports of difficulties experienced by the Communists in their efforts to administer the industrial regions that have fallen into their hands, the news becomes integrated into a pattern—hazy yet, but which may become clearer as more information seeps through the "bamboo curtain."

Opposition To Truman's Arms Aid Programme

STRONG OBJECTIONS BY VANDENBERG AND TAFT

Washington, July 25.—The Senate's two most influential Republican leaders today opposed President Truman's arms aid programme as being too wide in scope and giving the President too much power. Senators Arthur Vandenberg and Robert Taft both announced their opposition to the plan only a few hours after Mr Truman had sent the \$1,450,000,000 proposal to Congress.

CHANGE OF EGYPTIAN CABINET

Alexandria, July 25.—Premier Ibrahim Abdel Hadi Pasha resigned today, and King Farouk immediately ordered the former Premier, Hussein Sirry Pasha, a non-Party man, to form a coalition government.
Officials said Hussein Sirry Pasha would include the opposition Wafd Party in his new government, which would embrace all major political parties. The Wafdists had demanded a new government to ensure a fair national election in October, but it was not believed until today that the Wafdists would be willing to collaborate with other parties.
Abdel Hadi Pasha's letter of resignation to the King did not give his reasons for resigning but it was stated that his government had completed its programme of ending terrorism in the nation and carrying out certain reforms.
It is believed here Britain is prepared to use Egypt as the corner stone of the new Middle East policy.
Hussein Sirry Pasha, who is 57, headed a neutral cabinet during the war. An engineer, he is Egypt's foremost expert on Nile River flood control. He has not dabbled in Party politics.—United Press.

Senator Vandenberg's opposition is considered especially significant since he supported the Atlantic treaty. Senator Taft voted against that pact.

The two Senators said the programme constituted "another lend-lease programme." They said the Chief Executive would be given arbitrary discretion to give arms aid to any nation or "government within a nation." They said they doubted that any President "has" ever demanded such tremendous powers in war or peace.

Senator Vandenberg, Republican foreign policy leader in the Senate, said it was his first impression that the entire programme "must be rewritten and curtailed to get action at this session of Congress." He said he announced earlier that he favoured aid on a small scale and until the North Atlantic Treaty nations had set up a system of defence under the pact.

FIRST BREAK

Even Administration leaders do not show too much enthusiasm. The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said he felt confident Congress would pass "some type" of military assistance bill this year, but he declined to specify if the President's recommendations would be fully met.

Senator Vandenberg's opposition marked the first time that a bipartisan foreign policy leader had broken with the Administration on foreign affairs since he came out for a strong United States stand in world affairs in 1945. He said the President's "statement of policy puts too much emphasis upon arms."

"Since some sort of action is necessary before adjournment."

LONDON DOCKS NORMAL

London, July 25.—Work was normal in the London docks today.

The Minister of Transport, Mr Alfred Barnes, told the House of Commons today that Docks Emergency Committee had done "a very fine job" during the strike which ended last week.

The question of its continued existence had yet to be decided, he said.

The Commons will debate the docks dispute tomorrow afternoon, at the request of the Conservative Opposition.—Reuter.

Borrowed Sloop For Cruise

Stockholm, July 25.—Two soldiers were arrested today and accused of borrowing a warship from Sweden's naval base of Karlskrona. The authorities said that the men spent the week-end in the motor sloop Sargitta, cruising around Karlskrona Archipelago while a squadron of other warships and a minesweeper searched for them.
When they returned—sunburnt—early today, they said: "We have had a glorious sail!"—Reuter.

ment. I think study should be given to an interim measure while the major plans await reports to the next Congress under Article 9 of the pact."

Senator Taft said: "The programme presented by the President and the bill to carry it out demands that Congress substantially abdicate all functions relating to foreign policy and authorise the State and Defence Department to make alliances throughout the world and involve us in any and all wars, civil or external, going on anywhere in the world."

FOUR POINTS

He also cited these four points of criticism:
1. Arms aid could be given any nation or "government within a nation" selected at the "arbitrary discretion" of the President, whether it was in Europe, Asia, Africa or the Americas.

2. The President would be given power, without further check, to "dispose of" any property of any Government department except atomic bombs and merchant ships. Senator Taft said the programme contemplated the equipment of at least \$1,000,000,000 in addition to the suggested \$1,450,000,000 appropriation.

3. The President could accept foreign materials in part payment for arms aid and "import them into this country free of all duties."

4. The programme involved powers "more arbitrary" than those of the World War II lend-lease act.—United Press.

STATE DEPT. EXPLAINS

Washington, July 25.—The State Department explained today how President Truman's arms aid proposal will apply to certain countries of the Far East, Middle East and Latin America.

It said that \$300,000,000 out of an overall \$1,450,000,000 would be applied to Greece, Turkey, Korea, the Philippines and Iran. In addition, Latin American countries are permitted to purchase arms with their own money, but receive no outright grants as do the North Atlantic Pact nations and the five other mentioned above.

It said that arms and equipment that will be supplied special nations will come from the existing stocks and will amount in value to about 25 percent of the \$300,000,000 fund. The remaining 75 percent will be supplied with new procurement.

In an overall statement entitled "Aid to Other Countries," meaning those outside the Atlantic Pact, the Department said partially. "Although the programme gives primary emphasis to the needs of European, Atlantic Pact countries, it does not do so to the exclusion of urgent needs in other areas which are important to world stability."—United Press.

FRANCE'S CALL

Paris, July 25.—The Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, today called for an American military aid to France immediately after he ratified the North Atlantic Pact.
M. Schuman made his plea as the National Assembly resumed debate on ratification at almost the same time that President Truman sent to Congress his bill for \$1,450,000,000 military aid for Europe.—United Press.
(President Truman's arms aid speech in detail on Page 5)

HOMES WRECKED BY PLANE



This scene of destruction in Seattle was caused by a C-16 plane that crashed with 32 persons aboard, and then exploded. The centre house was demolished; four others damaged. The plane's route was toward the camera. It hit power lines atop poles in the background after taking off with a faltering engine. Six persons were killed, and 36 injured. (AP Picture).

Chinese Reds Take Chuchow

Canton, July 26.—The Chinese Communists have captured Chuchow, a railway junction town south of Changsha. This information was received here by phone this morning from usually reliable Chinese merchants in Changsha.

The occupation of Chuchow has not been admitted officially.

The new commander of Changsha, General Chan Ming-yen, is defending the city.

Fierce fighting is taking place to the east of the city. The sound of heavy gunfire was audible all night. Houses in some districts were shaken.

It is believed this action is taking place in the country beyond the Hunan Bible Institute. The Communists' objective appears to be the Changsha airfield, which runs parallel with the railway about half a mile from the station.

The tall spiked wooden gates of Changsha city have been closed. All the city's pillboxes have been manned.

Armed troops are making regular patrols through the streets of the city, where law and order are being well maintained.

HEAVY FIGHTING

The Communists have an artillery division in action, probably containing mountain guns and mortars.

Heavy fighting is also reported immediately east of Hongyang, south of Changsha.

Troops from Pingliang have taken Falshui, on the railway 32 miles north of Changsha.

Unconfirmed Chinese reports stated that the Communists which struck southward from the Yangtze River have taken Changsheng, an important Hunan city northwest of Changsha. This is not confirmed officially.—Reuter.

Russian Atom Bomb Report

Paris, July 25.—The weekly magazine, Samedi Soir, said in a copyright article today that Russia exploded its first successful atomic bomb on July 10.

It added that this was the real reason for President Truman's Blair House conference with top American atomic authorities.

The Samedi Soir said the explosion took place in Siberia near longitude 46 East and latitude 53 North.—United Press.

TYPHOON IN SHANGHAI

MOST STREETS UNDER WATER

Tokyo, July 26.—The Navy authorities reported today that Typhoon "Gloria," which ripped across Okinawa killing one child and causing still undetermined damage, has "immobilised" Shanghai.

The report said most of Shanghai's streets are under two to four feet of water.

There were two to four inches of water on the floor of the U.S. Consulate on the Bund, the report said. Peking Road was under three feet of water and at least one foot of water probably blown up from the Whangpoo River and from heavy rains—was swirling along the Bund.

Water and wind caused extensive but not serious damage to the U.S. Consulate. That office closed its doors until facilities were restored to normal.

The storm disrupted electric service, but an emergency generator was pressed into service.

The report also said water had backed up in the sewers of Shanghai, which is still being whipped by rain and wind.—Associated Press.

COMMANDOS HERE

The troopship Empire Windrush arrived in Hongkong this morning and berthed at the Kowloon Wharves. She brought the 2nd Marine Commandos and miscellaneous other units.

DEPUTIES AGAIN DEADLOCKED

London, July 25.—The Big Four Foreign Ministers' deputies drafting an Austrian peace treaty today reached deadlock on a new Soviet proposal about the care of Allied war graves and memorials.

The Soviet delegate, Mr George Zarubin, asked for the proposal to be written into the treaty as an article. This would state that Austria must respect, preserve and maintain the graves of Allied and United Nations nationals and the memorials that fought against Nazi Germany.

Mr Samuel Rober (United States) recalled that the Soviet delegation had opposed a similar United States proposal for the Italian peace treaty. The Soviet delegate had then persuaded the Western delegates to leave such arrangements for bilateral agreement between the countries concerned, he said.

Mr Marcel Berthelot (France) said that he regretted the exam-

During a long discussion of displaced persons and refugees, Mr Zarubin submitted certain compromise proposals that Austria should deny relief to refugees refusing to return to their native countries or if they had fought or collaborated with the enemy.

"Sir Victor Mallet (Britain) said that Britain would not agree to force the repatriation of refugees and displaced persons, but the Western delegates promised that they would study the new proposals.—Reuter.

NEWS OF THE DAY IN PICTURES



SIGNS FRIENDSHIP TREATY—Assisted by Ann George, Cleveland Kamakini, 90, representing Yakima Indians now living in Idaho, puts his mark on a mutual friendship treaty, in Yakima, Washington. Drawn up and signed by eight Indian nations from the northwest, it was the first such alliance in history.



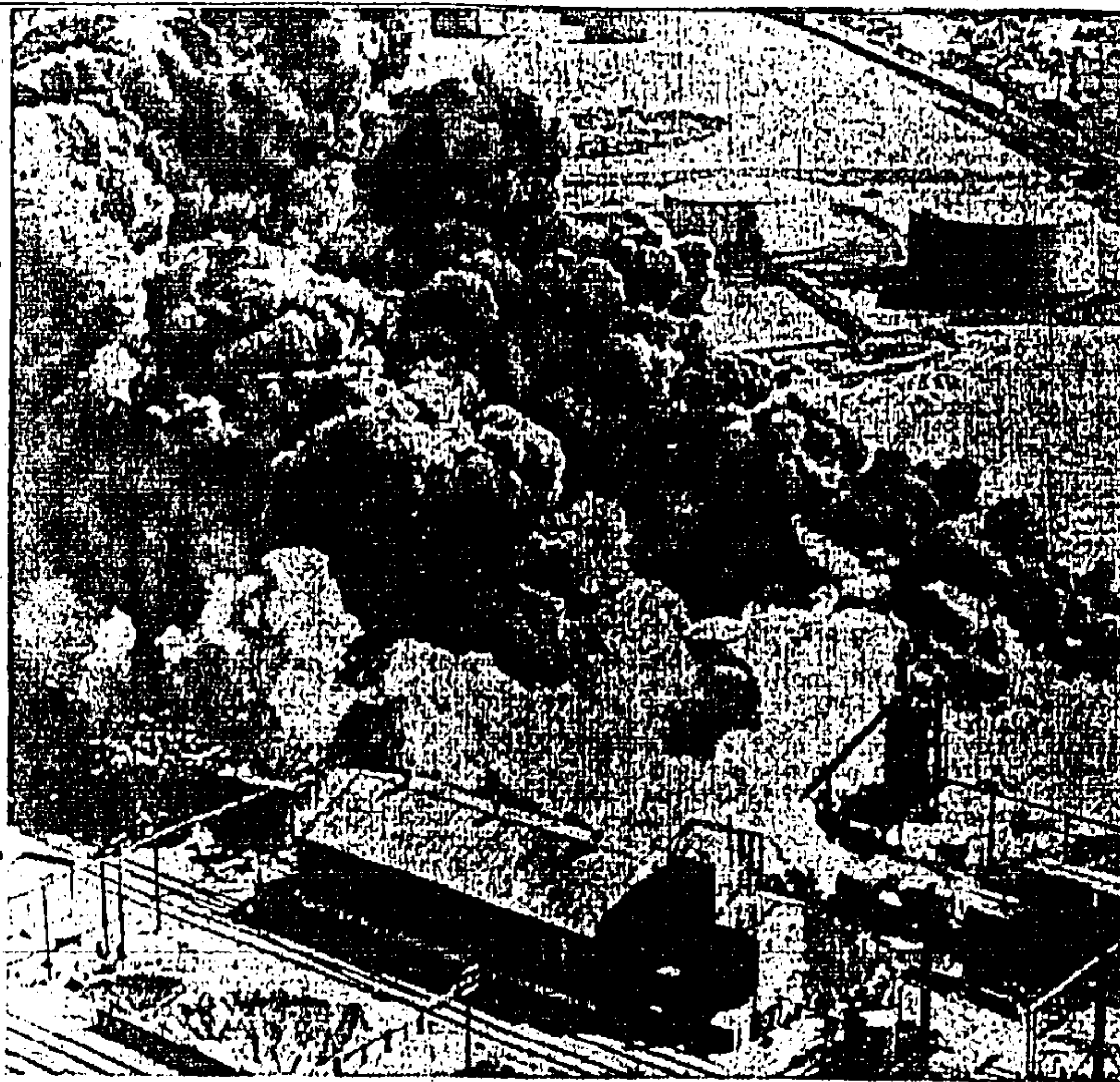
DIES IN TRUCK CRASH—Michael J. Felton, centre left in wreckage, is pinned in the cab of his demolished truck in Albany, New York. Felton died a short time after being freed by rescuers. The truck had left the highway and struck a power pole.



UNUSUAL ROCK FORMATION—The stormy Tasman Sea, constantly washing the cliff walls on the west coast of Tongaporutu, Taranaki, New Zealand, has caused this odd formation. It is similar to that frequently found along the California coast.



ENJOYING THEMSELVES—While everyone else is sweltering, Judy and Craig Risher take advantage of a refreshing breeze as they dash along the shore at Miami Beach, Florida. They rely on that inner tube to keep their heads above the water once they get into it.



ASPHALT FIRE KILLS THREE—Three men were killed and eight others injured, some critically, in this fire at Perth Amboy, New Jersey. It resulted from the explosion of an asphalt storage tank and considerable damage was done to the \$500,000 refining company plant by the blaze which sent clouds of dense smoke over lower New York Bay.



OFFERING COMFORT—Queenie, a month-old pup, stands guard over her mother, Skip, who had been struck by a car in St. Louis, Missouri. Skip dragged herself to the sidewalk and was later taken to the Humane Society for treatment by a passerby who noticed that the dogs were in trouble.



GETTING IN PRACTICE—Before they left to participate in an aquatic show in Chicago, these sun-kissed water nymphs at Cypress Gardens, Florida, spent a lot of time keeping in condition. And it's possible that the girls found the Lake Michigan water somewhat cooler to practise on than the water farther south. With temperatures soaring, these water beauties are probably glad to get those skins on every day and go to work.



FIRST FRESH MILK—This little girl in the western sector of Berlin, enjoys her first glass of milk since the start of the blockade. Youngsters have been given skimmed milk powder, and only babies were entitled to whole milk powder.



DRESSED UP—For cocktails, a actress Celeste Holm wears this pin-dotted black taffeta dress with new style points in the slashed neckline, stand-away collar, fitted midriff and flared skirt.



IN TRIBUTE—Ojibway Indian chief, Bill McGregor, points out a plaque to his granddaughter in Manitoulin Island, Ontario. McGregor guided Franklin D. Roosevelt on his last fishing trip before the Quebec Conference, and members of his tribe will decorate the plaque which honours a "great fisherman."

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World Haunted By Fear Of War

TRUMAN ATTACKS RUSSIA IN ARMS AID SPEECH

Washington, July 25.—President Truman today charged the Soviet Union with creating an atmosphere of fear and danger in the world.

The President was appealing to Congress for approval of a \$1,450,000,000 programme of military aid to the North Atlantic and other Powers to eliminate the fear of aggression and international violence.

Other countries to benefit, apart from the North Atlantic Pact countries, include Persia, Korea, the Philippines, Greece and Turkey, according to an explanatory statement issued today by the State Department.

President Truman said: "The record of world events since 1945 offers us no certainty that all members of the United Nations will uphold the principles of peace in actual practice."

"Indeed, there is proof to the contrary, proof that in the pursuit of selfish ends some nations have resorted to and may again resort to the threat or use of force."

"The fear created by this experience haunts the world and creates conditions of insecurity and instability which stand in the way of economic and social progress."

"So long as the danger of aggression exists, it is necessary to think in terms of the forces required to prevent it. It is unfortunate that this is true. We cannot, however, achieve our goal of permanent peace by ignoring the difficult and unpleasant tasks that lie in the way."

"The President named the Soviet Union as the Power which had created an atmosphere of fear and danger."

"The principal task of the free nations of Europe in the last four years has been to restore their war-shattered economies," he said.

"The inherent difficulties of this task have been aggravated by the foreign policy of the Soviet Union, which has done its utmost to prevent European recovery."

LARGEST ARMY
"Full economic recovery requires peaceful conditions and the assurance that the work of labour, industry and agriculture will not be swept away in an outbreak of international violence."

"In place of these conditions, the Soviet Union, with its violent propaganda, its manipulation of the conspiratorial activities of the world Communist movement and its maintenance of one of the largest peace-time armies in history, has deliberately created an atmosphere of fear and danger."

"In the face of what has occurred in Greece, and in Berlin, in the face of the threats and pressures to which Iran and Turkey have been exposed, in the light of the suppression of human liberty in countries under Communist control, the nations of Western Europe have not been able to ignore the necessity of a military defence for themselves."

"They have seen what the Soviet Union has done to nations for which it professed friendship and with which it was recently allied."

"They have observed how a Communist coup d'état, operating in the shadow of the massed military forces of the Soviet Union, can overthrow, at one stroke, the democratic liberties and the political independence of a friendly nation."

"As a consequence of that experience, and in the light of the fact that the two most devastating wars in history originated in Europe, they realise that they must have a shield against aggression to shelter their political institutions and the rebirth of their own economy and civil life."

SPEED URGED
The President frequently emphasised the importance of speedy action by Congress.

"Light Ahead" For Greece
Washington, July 25.—The United States Ambassador to Greece, Mr. Henry Grady, who arrived by air from Athens today, said that the Greek Government was "reluctant but steadily winning its battle against the Communists on both the military and economic fronts."

Declaring that the Greek Government should be able to hold democratic elections "in a matter of months if the anticipated military victories materialise," Mr. Grady said, in a statement released by the State Department, "One sees real light ahead for Greece." — United Press.

SOUTH KOREA INVADIED
Seoul, July 25.—Seventeen North Korean soldiers were killed after an "invading force" penetrated five miles into South Korea at a point 25 miles from here yesterday, the Defence Ministry announced today.

The Ministry claimed that the South Korean forces captured four Russian-manufactured weapons.

Fighting is continuing — Reuter.

He said: "If this programme of military aid is to succeed, we must prosecute it promptly and vigorously. Our policies for peace are having the desired effect. We cannot afford to lose the momentum we have already gained."

"Our objective," he continued, "is to see to it that these nations are equipped, in the shortest possible time, with competent and effectively trained forces capable of maintaining internal order and resisting the initial phases of external aggression."

"At the present time, the military power which is the greatest deterrent to aggression is centred in the United States, 3,000 miles away from Europe. It must be made clear that the United States has no intention, in the event of aggression, of allowing the peoples of Western Europe to be overrun before its own power can be brought to bear. The programme of military assistance now proposed is a tangible assurance of our purpose in this regard."

The President concluded: "I would not suggest that this programme alone will bring present international tensions to an end. It will, however, preserve the initiative which the free nations of the world now have, and help to create a world structure so firm economically and militarily as to convince any potential aggressor nation that its own welfare lies in the direction of mutual tolerance and peaceful foreign relations."

TURKEY'S BURDEN
Earlier in his speech President Truman said that American aid to Turkey had lessened the burden which the threatening pressure of the Soviet Union had imposed on a poorly agrarian economy, but additional aid was needed.

"In Iran the use of surpluses of United States military equipment has aided in improving the defensive effectiveness of the Iranian Army and the maintenance of internal order," he continued.

"It is now necessary to provide certain additional items to round out this programme, and thereby to strengthen the ability of Iran to defend its independence."

"The new Republic of Korea, established as a result of free elections held under the auspices of the United Nations, is menaced by the Communist regime in the northern part of the country. With the advice and assistance of the United States, the Korean Government has established a small force to protect its internal security and defend itself against outside aggression short of a full-scale war."

"Equipment has been requested from the United States for minimum Army and Coast Guard forces."

"It is essential to the survival of the Korean Republic that

this assistance be made available."

JOINT DEFENCE
In making his reference to Europe and the realisation that a shield against aggression was necessary for the sheltering of their political institutions and the rebirth of their own economic life, President Truman said that the nations of Western Europe had addressed themselves in all seriousness to task of providing such a shield.

"In the treaty of Brussels," he said, "five nations of Western Europe established joint measures for their own defence."

"In support of that treaty they have co-ordinated both their defensive strategy and their plans to produce the necessary military supplies."

"Those five nations, together with Norway, Denmark and Italy, have undertaken annual military expenditures equivalent to about five and a half milliards of dollars. This is the maximum amount they are able to spend without seriously interfering with the civilian production necessary for their economic recovery. This amount is not, however, enough to furnish these nations the protection they need."

THREE TYPES OF AID
"I recommend that we supply these countries with assistance of three types:

"Firstly a limited amount of dollar aid to enable them to increase their own production of military items without impairing their efforts for economic recovery."

"Secondly, the direct transfer of certain essential items of military equipment."

"Thirdly, the assistance of experts in the production and use of military equipment and the training of personnel."

"Such a programme will enable these countries to acquire the elements necessary to their defence without hampering their recovery." — Reuter.

This Show's A Winner
(Continued from Page 4)

The Nigerian stand was arranged in the form of an altar, and the three most notable figures displayed on it were bronze pieces. One is the figure of a man blowing on a horn, and is among the finest of Benin figure sculpture. The second is a court official wearing a cross, and a straw hat decorated with leopard bands, familiar to all Nigerian travellers. The third is a complete figure of a man in Benin style.

Mr. Fagg told me that an astonishing diversity of people had visited the exhibition, and that it was hoped to keep it open for several weeks.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

For the Opposition, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton said that it was not Parliament's function to give unlimited powers to the Minister, and he hoped that he would use them in a reasonable manner.

"It is possible to appoint a whole body of trade union officials when the field of Government patronage is ever widening," he said.

"Safeguards which, in other days, might not have been necessary are urgent today," he added.

PROGRESS SLOW
This amendment was defeated by 209 votes to 153. Progress with the amendments was very slow. After six hours of debate, only three had been rejected. These included one which sought to prevent the Steel Corporation from engaging in activities outside the iron and steel industry.

The Government maintained that the nationalised industry should be able to manufacture sidelines outside the industry, as the industry does now. The Opposition said that with the powers under this Bill the Corporation would, on behalf of the Minister, be able to enter any industry. It liked through the back door and break up any centre of industrial power.

The amendment was rejected by 324 votes to 169. — Reuter.

"Why, Henry! The way you talk, I don't think you appreciate owning your own home—I'll bet you'd just as soon be back in that stuffy apartment!"

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Harold Lloyd (right) of Beverly Hills, California, who was recently installed as Imperial Potentate of the Shrine in Chicago, gets a jovial greeting from Galloway Calhoun of Tyler, Texas, the outgoing Imperial Potentate.—AP Picture.

Debate On Steel Bill

London, July 25.—Mr. George Strauss, Minister of Supply, opened the debate on the nationalisation of the steel industry in the House of Commons today. The House is expected to have an all-night session.

The Minister asked Members to refuse to postpone the operation of the Bill as proposed by the predominantly Conservative House of Lords. The Peers had altered the Bill to make it come into operation on October 1950 — after the next general election.

The House of Commons, where the Government has an over-riding majority, is expected to resist this and return the Bill to the House of Lords.

If the Peers decline to give way again, they have said that they will not — the Government is expected to make the Bill law, despite the Peers' objections, through the Parliamentary Bill introduced last year.

Mr. Strauss said that the House of Lords had made about 60 amendments. The Government proposed to accept 28 of these — mostly amendments in drafting, which did not conflict with the Government's general intentions.

FIRST AMENDMENT
The others could not be accepted. They affected fundamental principles, made almost impossible the task of the Steel Corporation, which is to run the industry, or were based on the assumption that the Corporation would consist of ignorant busybodies and that the Minister was an "irresponsible nitwit outside the control of Parliament."

The first amendment of the House of Lords, he said, was in the last category, suggesting that three members of the Corporation should have experience in the production of iron and steel.

For the Opposition, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton said that it was not Parliament's function to give unlimited powers to the Minister, and he hoped that he would use them in a reasonable manner.

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Salazar Urges Inclusion Of Spain In Pact

PORTUGAL'S RATIFICATION EXPECTED SOON

Lisbon, July 25.—The Portuguese Prime Minister, Dr. Antonio Salazar, told the National Assembly here today that he thought there would be "no difficulty" about Portugal's ratification of the Atlantic Pact.

He called for Spain's inclusion in the treaty.

Dr. Salazar was speaking in the ratification debate at an extraordinary meeting of the Assembly called for the purpose. Voting was not expected at today's session.

Dr. Salazar said: "In the present conditions of economic impoverishment, of moral fatigue and internal disintegration of the Western countries, Russia could, if she wanted, sweep in one sweep to the English Channel and the Pyrenees."

Referring to Portugal's position under the Pact, he declared: "We feel united by the obligations of the Pact and its general aim, and not by doctrinaire assertions tending to the uniformity of political regimes."

"One cannot foresee within the next 20 years any conflict among the signatory nations, not even provoked by a renewed Germany."

The only emergency to prevent was therefore "an eruption from the East which would mean the collapse of Europe and Western civilisation."

Dr. Salazar indicated that Portugal's advocacy of Spain's admission to the Atlantic Pact was not due to "political solidarity" which, he said, did not exist.

Spain should be included in the Pact, he said, because a geographical and strategic factor implied by her absence and her eventual contribution would have "real importance."

After the Prime Minister's speech the Assembly Speaker announced that the text of the Pact would be submitted to a Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Commission.

The session was then adjourned until Wednesday. — Reuter.

Britain Not To Devalue Sterling
London, July 25.—Lord Addison, Lord Privy Seal, reaffirmed in the House of Lords tonight that the British Government had "no intention whatever of entering into this rash experiment of devaluation of sterling."

He said he was glad to find support for that policy on both sides of the House.

He made these statements when speaking in a debate on Britain's economic position.

Lord Addison deprecated a remark by Lord Brand, representative of the British Treasury in the United States from 1944 to 1946, that the world was losing confidence in sterling.

Lord Addison said he did not think it true that the world had little confidence in Britain.

"I think the record of this country, in contrast to that of some others, in increasing its production in the face of immense difficulties and wholesale war damage, in the last four years, is something of which we are quite legitimately very proud," he said.

Another Government speaker, Lord Pakenham, Minister of Civil Aviation, an economist, said it was a matter for the utmost satisfaction that, the conference of Commonwealth Finance Ministers agreed to recommend to all Commonwealth Governments' action comparable with Britain's £100,000,000 cut in dollar imports. — Reuter.

Israel May Work Haifa Refineries
Haifa, July 25.—The Israeli Government may ship crude oil to the Haifa refineries and work them either directly or through their owners, the British-owned Consolidated Refineries, Limited, sources close to the refineries said today.

These sources based their belief on an article in today's Government press, which said that the Israeli Government had a good case for action independently over the refineries, which are closed because of the stoppage of oil supplies by way of the Iraq pipeline and through the Suez Canal.

The article said: "Hopes that the British Government will succeed in influencing Iraq to resume the flow of oil to Haifa or that she will persuade Egypt to allow the passage of Haifa-bound tankers through the Suez Canal are now greatly diminished."

"Competent quarters ask how long Israel will be content to submit to a situation which, both from the point of view of the refineries and the right of Israel to receive crude oil through the Suez Canal, is costing Israel heavy sums of money. The Government has a good case for acting independently."

..... — Reuter.

British Firemen Seek Pay Rise
London, July 25.—Representatives of the 10,000 members of the Firemen's Union saw Ministers of Labour officials today about their claim for higher wages.

Firemen from all over Britain will attend a special emergency conference on Thursday. — Reuter.

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A CHINESE PICTURE WITH MANDARIN DIALOGUE 心婦蕩

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6. "Hongkong Calling", 6.02, "It's Swinging", 6.30, Cantoneses by Radio, 6.30, Given by Miss Lee Wai-lan & S. K. Lee, (Studio) 6.50, Russian Vagabonds, 7.00, Orchestra, 7.15, American Letter by Allan Cooke (London Relay), 7.15, The New Concert Orchestra play some Novelties, 7.30, Recent Releases by Stage and Screen Favorites, presented by Allen Woods, (Studio), 7.30, World News and News Analysis (London Relay), 8.00, "Meet the Danube", 8.15, "The Blue Stripes", 8.30, "The Blue Stripes", 8.45, "The Blue Stripes", 9.00, "The Blue Stripes", 9.15, "The Blue Stripes", 9.30, "The Blue Stripes", 9.45, "The Blue Stripes", 10.00, "The Blue Stripes", 10.15, "The Blue Stripes", 10.30, "The Blue Stripes", 10.45, "The Blue Stripes", 11.00, "The Blue Stripes", 11.15, "The Blue Stripes", 11.30, "The Blue Stripes", 11.45, "The Blue Stripes", 12.00, "The Blue Stripes", 12.15, "The Blue Stripes", 12.30, "The Blue Stripes", 12.45, "The Blue Stripes", 1.00, "The Blue Stripes", 1.15, "The Blue Stripes", 1.30, "The Blue Stripes", 1.45, "The Blue Stripes", 2.00, "The Blue Stripes", 2.15, "The Blue Stripes", 2.30, "The 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England 70 Runs Ahead With 5 Wickets In Hand

London Express Service Day, August 2, at 5-15 p.m. Isolated Press

Best of the others is Ishiro Hashizume, with times of 4:43.1 for 400 Metres Free Style, fourth best in the world last year, and 16:37.8 in the 1,500

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Isolated Press

year, and 18:37.8 in the 1,500

GOOD-MORNING CAPTAIN—WHEN DO WE LEAVE FOR ENGLAND?

TO-DAY.

SHE'S VERY LOVELY AND INTELLIGENT TOO... (WINKING) BUT—THE GAIL MET ON THE ROCK OR RENO??

STEWARD! WILL YOU GET ME A LUNCH PLEASE?

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Correct Response Is Question Here

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

I JUST received a letter from my old friend Madeline L. Anderson, who is operating the Seattle, Wash., Bridge Club. She was with a bridge club in Chicago and also Milwaukee and now is doing a great deal for bridge in the North-west.

Madeline wrote and asked me if I would settle an argument on today's hand, which had come up in the club. I do not usually enter into these arguments. I like to listen and then bring to my readers the theories brought out by the various experts.

Madeline said South opened the bidding with one heart. Now the argument arose as to what North should bid. One player contended that three clubs is the only possible response. For my part I would

74	QJ1086	KJ86
52	Q	3
4	A1086	A4
Q1093	N	E
2	W	S
QJ753	D	A432
K	Dealer	
A	A74	
K	K1082	
Q	Q307	

Rubber—Neither vul.
South West North East
1 ♠ 7 ♣

bid only two clubs. I have made it a rule never to make a jump shift but unless I have control of at least two suits. There is one exception, you may make a jump shift bid if you hold so many king-queen combinations that you know your partner has to hold at least three aces. These hands are few and far between.

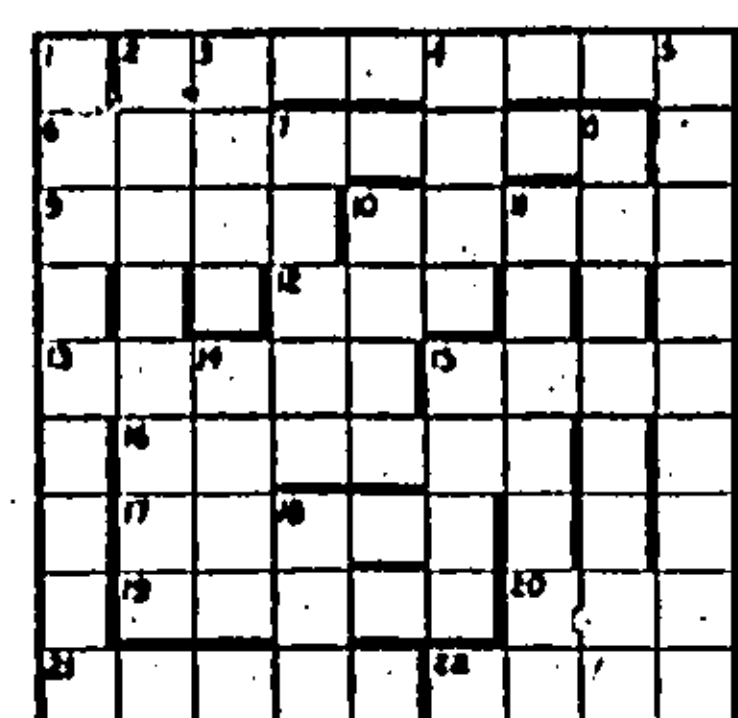
Most players today consider a bid of any new suit over an original bid as forcing. Therefore, do not point a bad picture to your partner which will lead him to believe you have two controls. Over two clubs South has a choice, he can bid three clubs or three diamonds. In either case North is now justified in jumping to five hearts, which tells his partner that he has a powerful hand, but did not have two controls. South will now bid, only six hearts, which he will have no trouble in making.

Check Your Knowledge

1. What river is longest in the world?
2. Who founded the Methodist religion?
3. In chemistry, what is an element?
4. What does "ad interim" mean?
5. Who was Carmen Sylva, poet and author?
6. Name the capital of Norway. What was it called prior to 1925?

(Answers in Column 4)

CROSSWORD



- Across
2. Corresponds without writing. (10, 4, 5)
 3. Quite obviously scattered. (3, 4, 5)
 4. Some would call it checked others a deal completed. (4)
 5. A few two. (6)
 6. Feathered part of the bowling green. (3)
 7. Briefly is Susan about in the circus. (10)
 8. A few from. (10)
 9. A few from. (10)
 10. Make the hill free the parking. (10)
 11. The track of the golfer. (10)
 12. What the cat can do. (10)
 13. Kral. (10)

- Down
1. Unknown. (10)
 2. A few from. (10)
 3. A few from. (10)
 4. A few from. (10)
 5. A few from. (10)
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 12. A few from. (10)
 13. A few from. (10)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle: Across: 1. Barabara, 2. Triennial, 3. Antipodes, 4. Down, 5. King, 6. Set, 7. D. J. G. 8. G. 9. G. 10. G. 11. G. 12. G. 13. G. Down: 1. G. 2. G. 3. G. 4. G. 5. G. 6. G. 7. G. 8. G. 9. G. 10. G. 11. G. 12. G. 13. G.

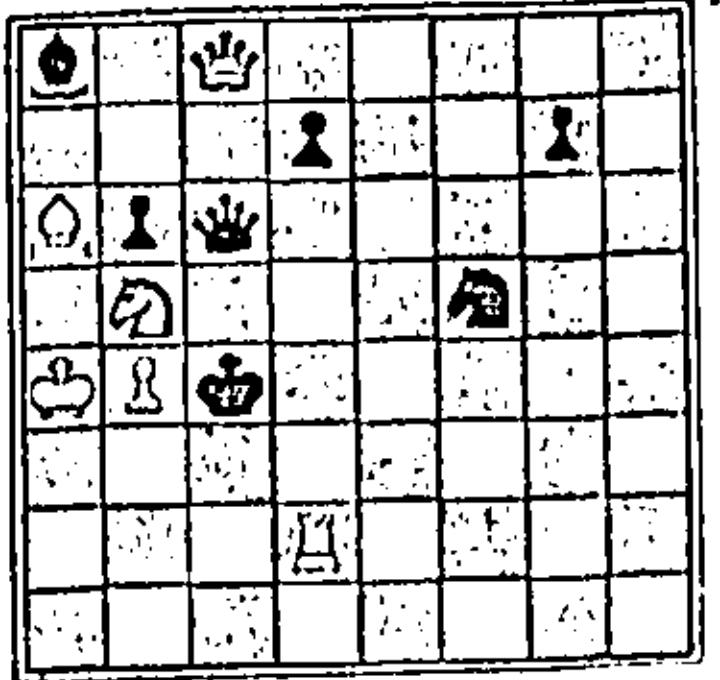
DUMB BELLS

HOW MANY LETTERS IN THE ALPHABET? LETTERS I THOUGHT WERE IN THE POST OFFICE



CHESS PROBLEM

By F. G. MARIZ-GRACA (BCF Tourney 56)
Black, 7 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.
White to play and mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. K-K1, any; 2. R, B, or Kt mates.

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Willy Toad Was a Tailor

—He Made Clothes for Birds, Bees—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the Shadows, were surprised to find Willy Toad standing on the moss in front of his toadstool and measuring a robin with a tape-measure. Willy had the tape-measure across Robin's chest and was saying: "All right, sir! I've got your measurement now, right to the last feather."

"Fine," said the robin. "I'll have your coat ready for you this day week."
"Very good, Mr Toad," said Robin.
"The same colour as the last one, I suppose. Or would you like it a bit redder?" said Willy.
"Just a bit redder," answered Robin. Then he said good-bye and flew off.

Marking Numbers

As soon as he was gone Knarf and Hanid ran up to Willy, who was now marking some numbers down on a piece of leaf.
"Willy, what are you doing?" Hanid exclaimed.
"Why were you measuring that robin?" asked Knarf.
Willy finished putting the numbers down. He folded up the leaf and put it in a loose-leaf folder, stuck his pencil behind his ear. Then he turned and smiled. "Ah, good-day my friends! Can I make you a suit of clothes today? A coat perhaps, Hanid? A jacket perhaps, Knarf?"

Rupert & the Arrows—52



On his way the old Professor wants to hear exactly how his precious third arrow was found, so Rupert tells cheerfully beside him, telling him all about Bingo and the kite and the accident in the snow. "If the snow hadn't come we might not have found the arrow for ages," he says. On reaching the village the old gentleman makes for the toadstool, and the little people gaze eagerly through the glass. "There's a fine football there," breathes Rupert. "Let's go in and see if there is one for each of you," smiles the Professor.

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SCIENCE AT WORK

Jungle Weather Created In Modern Laboratory

By PAUL F. ELLIS

THE heat and humidity of the wettest jungles in Africa or the Southwest Pacific can be found in the United States, right in New Jersey.

All the Jersey jungle may lack its animal life such as snakes and other creatures that are found in the tropics. It does have torrential tropical rain temperatures of up to 100 degrees and 100 percent humidity.

The Jersey jungle is part of the US Army Signal Corps laboratory at Fort Monmouth, where scientists previously simulated conditions of the frozen Arctic.

The jungle or "tropical rain forest" is enabling the Signal Corps to lengthen the useful life of sensitive communications equipment and provide information on humid conditions in general that will have applications in civilian life.

War Lessons

During the war, the effects of moisture, corrosion and fungus, typical of the jungle, knocked out more Allied equipment in the China-Burma-India and Pacific theatres of operation than did enemy action.

So, the tests in the jungle are being made now so that, if another war comes, jungle fighters may have better equipment that will resist the torrential tropical rains and the fog-like humidity.

Willy measured the caterpillar.

Come, let me take your measure."
"Willy," said Hanid in astonishment, "are you a tailor?"
At this Willy nodded and smiled. "Indeed I am! I've just opened my shop. I'm a tailor for Birds, Bees, Bugs and Beetles. But, of course," he added quickly, "I'll make clothes for anybody else, too."

Knarf and Hanid promptly asked Willy why Birds, Bees, Bugs and Beetles needed a tailor to make clothes for them.
"Don't their clothes grow on them?" said Knarf.
"Silly idea," said Willy. "Do your clothes grow on you?"
"N-no. But Birds and Bees and Bugs and Beetles are different."

Silly Idea

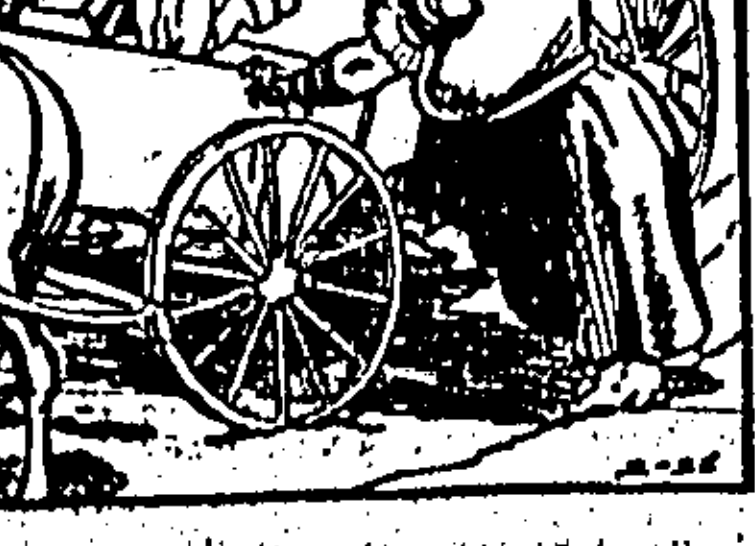
"Silly idea," Willy kept repeating. "Silly idea." But he didn't say why it was silly. "Wait till you see the new red coat I'm making for Robin. And wait till you see the new yellow jacket I'm making for the bees. And just wait—just wait till you see the magnificent striped trousers I'm making for Beetle. Ah!" exclaimed Willy suddenly. "Here come some more customers!"

The customers were three potato bugs and a caterpillar.

Willy got out his tape-measure again. He measured the potato bugs for polka-dot dresses, and the caterpillar for a long chocolate-colored velvet wrapper.

Later he measured a moth for an evening gown all in white. He measured a frog for a bathing suit. But when an earthworm came along, Willy refused to measure him for anything. "You hardly ever go out," he told the worm. "Unless somebody drags you out. You don't need any new clothes."

Considering Her Comfort—



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

ACCORDING to an American bophomologist, when the world's food gives out we shall have to eat our clothes, for the cellulose extracted from trees to make stockings can be converted into sugar.

As we grow harder we shall probably eat trees in their natural state, which will be so good for the teeth that by the time the trees give out we shall be able to start on rocks and agricultural machinery and paving-stones. But before that happens it will be fun to read the cookery hints—how to make a state clam appetizing by sprinkling it with young leaves and so on.

The Three Persians

DEAR Sir, I have seen in your paper a report that three Persians who play see-saw may be invited to take part in the Edinburgh Festival. I always understood that the aims of the Festival were cultural. While I support all practical attempts to encourage cultural friendship between nations, I see only the degradation of a fine idea in this proposal to invite Persian see-saw men. If this suggestion is a joke it is in very bad taste. If it is a serious proposal, it is in still worse taste.

Yours faithfully,
(Mrs Thelma McAwblinnie)

So they say

Little young men walked along ropes from tree to tree yesterday.

(News Item)

THAT is how the Ochsfeld bridge was captured in 1945. The Germans suddenly saw 15,000 girls in kimono light-rope walking through the woods, each manipulating what looked like a dainty parasol. Their first impression was that the Japanese had landed somewhere. Before they could recover from their surprise the deadly "parasols" opened fire, the air-borne geishas sprang to earth with terrifying shouts, and the bridge was captured before you could say wuki-wuki.

(London Express Service)

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, JULY 26

BORN today, you have tremendous mental dexterity. There is very little that you cannot turn your hand to if you wish. But you will, no doubt, and your best expression in the arts. Brainwork is easy for you, but it may be said that you dislike doing anything which requires "musclework"—unless it be outdoor sports for pleasure!

Your intuitions are exceptionally keen and you are very sharp when it comes to business dealings. You do not believe in darning in a garret for your art. If the arts are not going to pay good dividends, you will find some other way of making a livelihood and reserve your artistic attempts for a hobby. It could be that eventually your hobby might turn into your chief interest in life—once you have obtained financial security. You are a brilliant conversationalist and will always be the

centre of any group in which you are involved. You are fond of travel and change. You are one to sit at a desk job if it is dull routine. You have a naturally sympathetic and generous nature and will do anything to help a friend. You have that knack of being able to polish off a lot of work with the greatest of ease. Your jobs get done in record time and with persistent accuracy.

Something of a lone wolf you do not need marriage for complete happiness. Unless you wed at an early age when your nature is more pliable, you might not wed at all.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Take this day seriously. National problems may come home to affect upon your personal life.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Unusual experience, bringing you new friends—perhaps a change of environment—are indicated.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Likely to be an emotional day. A new job or some important connection may bring you increased profits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A little adverse, but you can avoid trouble if you are tactful, patient and understanding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A good day for love and marriage. You might begin a journey successfully. Deal with the public.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Things go along very well at home. Propitious for marriage. Combine business and social engagements advantageously.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Be alert to opportunity and you can make definite advances today. A good understanding of detail is important.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—If you don't count chickens before they are hatched, this day will be adequate. Be conservative in your demands.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—New friends and opportunities may enlarge your personal horizon. Anticipate added profits in business.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—More especially a social day. If you can combine pleasure with business, then do it. Otherwise play!

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—The society of the opposite sex may bring added opportunities and advantages in business. Seize opportunities.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Inventiveness and a new approach to an old problem can bring increased advantages right now. Make gains.

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Closure Of Chase Bank Branch Denied

New York, July 25.—The Chase National Bank here today denied that the Communist branch of its wholly-owned affiliate bank in Tientsin.

RUBBER FUTURES FIRMER

New York, July 25.—Rubber futures today became firmer after a shaky start, deriving encouragement from the strength in a wide list of other commodities, but actively remained very much on the slow slide.

The few buying orders found sellers temporarily withdrawn. Factory interest in physical rubber was reported to be at sub-routine level and there was no interest in the higher bids maintained by eastern sellers.

New doubts creeping into the Government stockpiling programme discouraged new buying. Speculators emphasised the recent Senate Appropriations Committee action in rescinding the \$275,000,000 contract authority which had been previously approved.

Market sentiment was divided and the majority of dealers are looking for a trading level of between 16 and 16½ cents for the time being.

July (in cents per lb.)	16.05 nominal
August	16.17 nominal
September	16.20-2
October	16.23 nominal
November	16.25
December	16.25
January (1950)	16.25
February	16.25 bid
March	16.25 bid
April	16.25
May	16.25
June	16.25
July	16.25
August	16.25
September	16.25
October	16.25
November	16.25
December	16.25
SPOT	16.25

—United Press.

Britain Not Seeking New US Loan

London, July 25.—The British government is not seeking a new United States dollar loan, British Treasury sources said today.

A Treasury spokesman said officially that there was no comment on a report of a broadcast in the United States yesterday by a Republican Senator that Washington was talking about a new loan of US\$500,000,000 to US\$12,000,000,000.

Sources within the Treasury, however, said that while Britain "certainly would welcome the dollars, it simply cannot afford to borrow them on the basis of its present foreign debt load."

The exact figure of Britain's foreign obligations—both dollar and sterling—has not been made public by official statements. Latest estimates show it to be, however, more than US\$10,875,000,000.

Treasury sources said this included US\$3,620,000,000 owed to the United States, US\$952,000,000 owed to Canada, US\$75,000,000 in gold borrowed from the International Bank, and debts to other sterling countries which at the end of the war amounted to US\$12,000,000,000.

—Associated Press.

NY Seeds And Oils

New York, July 25.—Prices in this market today remained unchanged with the following exceptions:

Peanut oil, per lb. F.O.B. New York, 15 cts.
Peanut, virginia, medium, per lb. F.O.B. shipping point 25-20½ cts.
Castor seed, per long ton, F.O.B. Brazil, 110 cts.

—United Press.

New York Metals

New York, July 25.—Prices in this market today remained unchanged with the following exceptions:

Lead (Common, New York) in cents per lb. 14½
Zinc (Prime Western, New York) in cents per lb. 16-10

—United Press.

Mr Snyder Urges Overhaul Of US Tariff Rates

"AMERICA MUST BUY GOODS FROM EUROPE"

Washington, July 25.—Mr John Snyder, United States Secretary of the Treasury, who returned here today from a tour of Europe, said at a press conference that if Americans were to sell their products in Europe, they must also buy European goods to create a dollar exchange.

Mr Snyder would not say what proposals were made during his London talks on Britain's dollar problem with Sir Stafford Cripps, British Chancellor of the Exchequer.

He stressed, however, "the importance of the role of the International Monetary Fund as the appropriate forum for the discussion of exchange rates."

Mr Snyder said that United States tariff rates should be continually studied to see that they were not of such a nature that they would paralyse American international commerce.

"The progress of European recovery has in many respects exceeded earlier expectations," he said. "Western Europe has made substantial progress in increasing production and in raising the levels of construction."

"Europe as a whole does not appear to be encountering difficulties in meeting its payments outside the dollar area. But Europe must concentrate its efforts on increasing dollar earnings."

Mr Snyder had visited Paris, London, Brussels, Stockholm, Geneva, Rome, Ankara, Cairo and Athens.—Reuter.

GOLD PRICE NOT DISCUSSED

United Press adds: Mr Snyder said that during his tour of Europe no consideration had been given to raising the price of gold. There had been no discussion in London of the possibility of sending gold to Britain to solve the currency problem, and Britain had not asked for any additional dollar assistance.

Asked about an economic recession, Mr Snyder said that there was the same interest in it abroad as in the United States. In this connection, he pointed out that the United States car production was at the highest weekly rate on record, the construction industry was working at full speed, work in woolen and worsted mills in May increased sharply, and total retail sales in America on a dollar basis were only one per cent smaller in June than in the same month last year.

NY FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Closing rates July 25.

Canada (dollar)	US\$0.95-1
England—official	4.83-1
England—60-day futures	3.99-1
Australia (pound)	3.22-1
New Zealand (pound)	4.03
Belgium (franc)	0.0225
Denmark (krone)	0.0225
France—official	0.04471
France—commercial	0.04471
Holland (guilder)	0.037-1
Italy—official	0.017-1
Italy—commercial	0.017-1
Norway (krone)	0.017-1
Portugal (escudo)	0.044
Spain—official	0.017-1
Sweden (krona)	0.017-1
Switzerland—official	0.0225
Switzerland—unofficial	0.0225

MIDDLE EAST

Egypt (pound)	4.13
Iran (toman)	30135
Turkey (lira)	3375

LATIN AMERICA

Argentina—official	2977
Argentina—commercial	3092
Brazil (cruzado)	0.0225
Bolivia (boliviano)	0.0225
Chile—official	0.033
Chile—free	0.0225
Colombia (peso)	0.017-1
Mexico (peso)	0.017-1
Peru—official	0.017-1
Peru—free	0.017-1
Uruguay (peso)	0.017-1
Venezuela (bolivar)	0.017-1

INDIA (rupee)

India (rupee)	3024
Pakistan (rupee)	3030
Hongkong (dollar)	2435
Netherlands East India	400
Singapore (dollar)	4734

—United Press.

2,000 Factories At Work In Hankow

San Francisco, July 25.—Nearly 2,000 factories are working again in the Communist-held Yangtze port of Hankow as a result of Government aid loans exceeding \$34,000,000, Communist radio reported tonight.

Coal, cement, tobacco, textiles and flour, among other things, are being produced, the daily output rate of flour being 10,000 bags daily.

The radio also reported that 11 egg factories in North China are turning 1,600,000 eggs daily into egg products for export.—Reuter.

Minerals To Be Nationalised In Britain

London, July 25.—Mr Hugh Galskell, the Minister of Fuel and Power, told the House of Commons today that the British Government had decided to adopt a scheme for the nationalisation of certain minerals recommended in last week's report of the Western Development Committee.

The Committee was appointed in 1946 under Lord Westwood's chairmanship, to inquire into the mineral resources of the United Kingdom, excepting coal and "substances of widespread occurrence" and to consider the possibilities and means of developing them in the national interest.

The chief minerals under review included ores of tin, zinc, china clay, gypsum, and tungsten.

Mr Galskell, who was replying to a question, added that the necessary legislation would be introduced in due course.—Reuter.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, July 25.—Prices in the grain market here today closed as follows:

December	2.07½-2.08½
March (1950)	2.07½-2.08
May	2.03
CORN	
SPOT	1.40½
September	2.24½-2.25
December	1.19½-1.21
March (1950)	1.20½ bid
RYE	1.22½
September	1.00½
December	1.60½
March (1950)	1.60½
September	60½-¾
December	60½
March (1950)	60½
NEW YORK FLOUR—per 200 lb. sack	12.00
WINNIPEG RYE—per bushel in cents.	
September	1.40½
October	1.47
December	1.40½
WINNIPEG BARLEY	
July	1.39
September	1.18½-6
December	1.12½
—United Press.	

Sicily Too Quiet For Luciano

Naples, July 25.—Saying that "Sicily is far too quiet for a guy like me," Charles (Lucky) Luciano, (former New York "vice king," was back on the Italian mainland today after only a week of "exile" in his native village near Palermo.

The home police had "exiled" him after a period of questioning in Regina Coeli Prison about an international drug ring.

Luciano said that he intended to spend a "long time" in Naples.—Reuter.

WESTERN UNION DEFENCE

PLANS READY, SAYS DOUGLAS

Washington, July 25.—The American Ambassador to Britain, Mr. Lewis Douglas, reported today that the five Western Union powers already had plans for ground, air and sea defence of Western Europe in the event of war.

A special report on the progress of the Brussels treaty powers was made public today by the State Department to support President Truman's request for a \$1,450,000,000 arms programme.

The report was designed to show that the Western European nations had a foundation on which to build a broader anti-aggression programme.

Mr. Douglas said Britain, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands had made unprecedented progress in co-ordinating their defence forces. He said some of the defence communication systems were already operating, and estimates of the forces required and their employment had been made. He added that compulsory military service existed in the five countries for a period of one to two years.

Of the total Western Union population of 108,000,000 he reported, 1,500,000 were in uniform.

Mr. Douglas also said production efforts were being co-ordinated, warships had been exchanged, surface equipment redistributed and information on production of equipment had been effected.—United Press.

Queen's Cousin Dead

London, July 25.—Miss Lillian Bowes-Lyon, cousin of Queen Elizabeth, died today at her home in London, aged 53. Crippled by arthritis, Miss Bowes-Lyon was the daughter of the late Mr. Francis Bowes-Lyon, brother of the Queen's father, the 14th Earl of Strathmore, who died last May 25.

Arthritis necessitated the amputation of both her legs and later affected her hands. She was a writer. An edition of her collected poems was published last year.—Reuter.

ALLIED BERLIN STAFF CUTS

Frankfurt, July 25.—Cuts in the United States Military Government staff in Germany are expected to be announced next week in accordance with the granting of extended duties to the West German Government under the occupation statute.

There are about 2,000 Americans on the occupation staff, and about 10,000 Britons. The latter will be cut to about 6,000.—Reuter.

OIL PRODUCTION KEY FACTOR IN MIDDLE EAST

London, July 25.—Middle East diplomats conferring at the Foreign Office were reported today to favour increased royalties to the Arab governments for foreign oil concessions. The purpose of the increase was said to be creation of a fund for resettlement of 900,000 Arab refugees which the British diplomats said were the overriding consideration in Middle East economic development.

In the opinion of British diplomatic sources, expansion of oil production would

prove the most significant factor in raising living standards through the Middle East, besides supplying a far higher proportion of the sterling area's oil requirements than at present.

In the meantime, the coming and goings of Middle East diplomatic representatives added an air of mystery to the conference, being held behind closed doors at the Foreign Office.

The Saudi-Arabian Ambassador to London was reported to have left yesterday for consultations with his government. It was understood his visit concerned oil concession royalties.

British diplomats reported that the flow of gold and hard currencies into Saudi-Arabia had been detrimental to the sterling area's interests, and consequently made little contribution to the economic rehabilitation of the Middle East as a whole.

The arrival of the Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, Mr. Botha, was believed to coincide with Middle East deliberations.

It was pointed out that the British Defence Ministry had virtually replaced the Colonial Office in matters concerning the Middle East at the Foreign Office level. Official sources said it was a reasonable assumption that Mr. Botha's visit was connected with the Middle East conference.

They also said it was possible that service chiefs would be called to the closing sessions of the conference, which is due to end tomorrow evening, when a communiqué is expected.

They pointed out that defence of Commonwealth communications and the vital Persian oilfields would not be possible without secure territorial bases, which must take the place of Palestine.—United Press.

EXPERTS ATTEND

London, July 25.—Technical experts including representatives of the Army, Navy and Air Force, are assisting British diplomats from the Middle East here for a special Foreign Office conference, an official source said today.

"Naturally, in studying developments in the Middle East our peoples are concerned with defence as well as other matters," he said. He emphasised, however, that technicians from other branches of the government were also called into the conference from time to time.

The diplomats, holding their first conference together since 1945 in an effort to assess the effect of postwar developments on Britain's diplomatic position in the Middle East, will have their last meeting on Tuesday.

Foreign Office sources said that they expect a communiqué to be issued on the conference, but added: "This is more of an examination of our own work, so any results will be neither startling nor immediately apparent."—Associated Press.

TRUMAN RATIFIES PACT

Washington, July 25.—President Truman today formally ratified the North Atlantic Pact, hailing it as a "historic step toward a world of peace."

The Senate gave consent to ratification on Thursday and the President took this formal step today.

As he signed the treaty, President Truman issued a statement:

"The American people value peace and freedom above all things. Our ratification of the North Atlantic Pact, with the overwhelming support of the Senate and the people, shows our determination to preserve this peace and freedom. This treaty is a step towards a world of peace, a free world, free from fear, but it is only one step. We have much more to do. We must work with God's help and guidance, work for peace with every means at our command.

"We must keep ourselves morally and materially strong. We must play our part in helping to strengthen freedom everywhere. We must work patiently and tirelessly to make the United Nations ever more effective for its great task. We must seek ever greater unity."—United Press.

Laid To Final Rest



A bugler sounds taps as the casket containing the remains of Ernie Pyle, the famous war journalist, is laid in its final resting place in the new U.S. National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Honolulu. Pyle was killed in a Japanese machine-gun ambush on April 18, 1945 on Ie Shima, off Okinawa. (AP Picture)

Porter Attends Lausanne Talks For First Time

Lausanne, July 25.—Paul A. Porter, the newly-appointed United States member of the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission, attended a formal meeting of the three-member Commission for the first time here today.

Mr. Porter arrived here last week to take over the post vacated recently by Raymond Hare, of the State Department's Middle East Division. The rotating chairmanship of the Commission will pass to Mr. Porter on August 1.

At today's meeting the other two members of the Commission, Hucseyin Cahit Yalcin of Turkey and C. de Botsanger of France, informed their new colleague of the present situation of the Arab-Jewish peace conference which opened here under the Commission's auspices last April.

A Commission spokesman said today that it was hoped that the new Israeli delegate, Reuven Shiloah, would bring new instructions from his government when he arrives here later this week, which might help to move the peace talks out of their present deadlock.

Mr. Shiloah, who signed the Israeli armistice agreements at Rhodes, is to replace Dr. Walter Eytan, the previous head of the Israeli delegation who left here when the Commission recessed at the end of June.

FORMAL SESSION

A formal session of the Commission is scheduled for July 29 to hear a report on the operation of the Palestine truce from Brigadier-General William Riley, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation. Gen. Riley is responsible to the Security Council and, as such, is not under the control of the Conciliation Commission, the spokesman said. But he is reporting on his work at his own request.

The Commission is also expected to receive a personal report next week from Henri Victor of France, the deputy of United Nations Palestine Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche.—Associated Press.

Students Arrested

Singapore, July 24.—Three Chinese high school students were arrested today under emergency regulations on suspicion of possession of Communist literature.

Two schoolgirls, who were detained two months ago, gave information which resulted in raids on three girls' schools, but nothing was found. The two girls are still detained. Communist terrorists last night fired 100 shots at the Singapore-Kuala Lumpur freight rail train but hit no one aboard. Bullets smashed the train's headlights.—Associated Press.

Merle Oberon's Romance

Venice, July 25.—Rumours that Miss Merle Oberon, the movie actress, might marry Count Giorgi Cini, the Italian multi-millionaire, were revived here today.

Friends of Miss Oberon said: "We cannot comment yet." The reports have persisted despite denials by Miss Oberon, who was previously married to the British film producer, Sir Alexander Korda, and to Lucien Ballard, a cameraman.—Reuter.

Trades Union International In Formation

London, July 25.—Trade union leaders from five continents today began a five-day meeting here during which they will discuss the new International of free trades unions which is to be formally established later this year.

M. Paul Finet, secretary of the Belgian Federation Generale du Travail, is Chairman of the Committee which has the task of preparing a Constitution and a programme for the new International.

This Committee was set up at Geneva last month when delegates, representing national trade union movements with a membership of nearly 50,000,000 workers, took the decision in principle of establishing an International in opposition to the Communist-led World Federation of Trade Unions.

Apart from drafting a Constitution and a programme, the Committee must decide on a suitable name and the headquarters for the new International.

There is a substantial body of opinion in favour of making the headquarters of the International in the capital of one of the smaller European countries, and Brussels seems to be the most probable choice.

The Committee is meeting in private but may announce its main decisions when it concludes its business on Friday. Its full report will be submitted to the first Congress of the new International, probably in November.—Reuter.

CLASHES IN BURMA

Rangoon, July 25.—Burmese troops inflicted heavy casualties on insurgents in a clash at Khatukyan, 21 miles north of Rangoon, tonight's communiqué reported.

The Government lost six killed and 10 wounded. Sixteen insurgents were killed and 54 wounded in mopping-up operations in Kyaukse district, south of Mandalay. In the Khaton district of southeastern Burma, Government forces reoccupied an insurgent-held village.—Reuter.

Bogum Aga Khan Denies Divorce

Nice, July 25.—Press reports here today, announcing a divorce between the Aga Khan and the Begum, were denied by the Begum this afternoon. She told a reporter: "The reports are utterly false. The Aga Khan, who is now at Evian Les Bains for a cure, will return to Cannes on July 27."

"We are travelling to Deauville on August 4 to join Prince and Princess Aly Khan," she added.—Reuter.

Thomas Mann Receives Goethe Prize

Frankfurt, July 25.—Dr. Thomas Mann, the American naturalised German novelist, today received the City of Frankfurt's Goethe Prize, commemorating the 200th anniversary of the poet's birth.

One of Dr. Mann's novels "Lotto in Weimar" deals with the life of Goethe.

The novelist, who is now visiting his native land for the first time since Hitler came to power, has agreed to go to Weimar, in the Russian Zone, to receive a rival prize and honorary citizenship from the authorities there.

Tonight's presentation was in Frankfurt's historic St. Paul's Church, which was decorated with the black, red and gold flag of the West German Federal Republic.

GERMAN UNITY

Dr. Mann told over 1,000 specially invited guests: "German unity can best be represented by an independent writer, whose true home is in the German language, untroubled by occupation."

"I can, however, understand the bitter impatience which brings about that utterance—sometimes loud, sometimes less loud—of the words 'foreign yoke'."

"The occupation must and will end," he declared, adding: "Let me, a guest from California, anticipate what Goethe's Faust called the supreme moment—to stand a free man on a free soil."

Dr. Mann continued: "I know that emigrants are not well looked upon in Germany. This, and the deadly hate I had for the malicious destroyers of my country, caused me to hesitate before coming to Germany in past years."

"I came to it was not only to thank you for the award that I have received here today, but also because it is necessary for my enemies here to recognise that I am not hiding from them."

TRUE HOME

Dr. Mann's address was relayed by all broadcasting stations of the three West German Zones.

He told a press conference earlier today that it was an encouraging fact that West and East Germany had chosen the same man for their Goethe prizes. There are no occupational zones for the German language, which is my true home as a German writer," he said.

Repeating reports that he was now looking on his native Germany as "an indifferent stranger," Dr. Mann claimed that his latest book, "Dr. Faustus," with its thoroughly German overtone and feeling, was proof that he had "remained a German and felt the German fate as deeply as any good German could."—Reuter.

German Women Jam Sales

Berlin, July 25.—Thousands of Berlin women stormed shops in the Western sector today for the first postwar summer sales. Crowds of women also jammed the main streets of Hamburg today for the first sales there before the war.

Hundreds of police were called out as excited women rushed the shops for bargains. Police were the only men seen in the crowds.—Reuter.

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DROUGHT IN NORWAY

Oslo, July 25.—A drought in Norway, which has been without appreciable rainfall for five weeks, is seriously threatening crops. The Norwegian telegraph agency reported today.

In many places, water has to be carried for many miles in attempts to save the grain, potatoes and soft fruits.—Reuter.



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